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UTILITY KNIFE TOOL WITH COVER LOCK - LIZ-XS KNIFE	
SPELLBOUND DEVELOPMENT GROUP - EARL VOTOLATO	

MESSAGE:

Attached for your review is a courtesy copy of the Response to the Office Action we filed today in the above-referenced application.

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In re application of: Earl J Votolato

Application No.: 09/832,214

Group No.: 3724

Filed: 04/11/2001

Examiner: T. Druan

For: Utility Knife Tool with Cover Lock

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already claimed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

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TOTAL	8	- 20	= 0 x	\$ 9.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	1	- 3	= 0 x	\$ 42.00	= \$	0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+	\$ 0.00	= \$	0.00
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No additional fee for claims is required.

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